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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings Surface Transportation Board

395 E. Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20423

Re:

Finance Docket No. 35469 - Juniata Valley Railroad Company -Operation Exemption – SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority;

Finance Docket No. 35470 –North Shore Railroad Company – Operation Exemption - SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority; 228888

Finance Docket No. 35471 – Nittany and Bald Eagle Railroad Company – Operation Exemption – SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority;

Finance Docket No. 35472 – Lycoming Valley Railroad Company – Operation Exemption - SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above captioned proceedings are an original and 10 copies of four Verified Notices of Exemption for the above captioned railroad companies pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1150.41, dated February 21, 2011. Also enclosed are four checks each in the amount of \$1,800.00 representing the filing fee for each of these Notices of Exemption.

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Please time and date stamp the extra copy of this letter of transmittal and to indicate your receipt and filing and these four Exemption Notices and return them in the enclosed self addressed, stamped envelope. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD R. WILSON, P.C.

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Richard R. Wilson, Esq.

**Attorney for Applicant Carriers** 

RRW/bab Enclosures

xc: Keith O'Brien, Esq.

North Shore Railroad Company

Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad Company

Juniata Valley Railroad Company Lycoming Valley Railroad Company

## BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

FINANCE DOCKET NO. 35469

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JUNIATA VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY – OPERATION EXEMPTION – SEDA-COG JOINT RAIL AUTHOR

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1150.41, Et Seq.

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Dated: February 22, 2011

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Attorney for Juniata Valley Railroad Company

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## BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

FINANCE DOCKET NO. 35469

## JUNIATA VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY – OPERATION EXEMPTION – SEDA-COG JOINT RAIL AUTHORITY

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1150.41, Et Seq.

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Juniata Valley Railroad Company ("JVRR"), a Class III common carrier railroad, files this Notice of Exemption, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1150, Subpart D – Exempt Transactions, with the Surface Transportation Board ("the Board") to permit it to operate over about 2.0 miles of track known as the West Park Industrial Track in Lewistown, PA, M.P. 0.0 to M.P. 2.0, in Mifflin County, PA (the "Line"). The Line is an additional line of railroad to be operated by JVRR as an extension of its existing line of railroad.

In support of this Notice of Exemption, JVRR submits the following information as required by 49 C.F.R. §1150.43:

a. Full name and address of applicant:

Juniata Valley Railroad Company 356 Priestley Avenue Northumberland, PA 17857 (570) 473-7949

b. Applicant's Representative

Richard R. Wilson, Esq. Richard R. Wilson, P.C. 518 N. Center Street, Ste. 1 Ebensburg, PA 15931 (814) 419-8152 rwilson@rrwilson.net

- c. JVRR will amend its agreement dated December 13, 2006 with SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority to provide common carrier rail service to multiple shippers on this extended line of railroad.
- d. The operator of the Line will be JVRR.
- e. Summary of proposed transaction:
- 1. The name and address of the party owning or leasing the line of railroad is:

SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority 201 Furnace Road Lewisburg, PA 17837

The SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority is a Pennsylvania Municipal Authority.

SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority initially acquired the line for private railroad use.

Given the growth of rail traffic and the increase in shippers on this Line, SEDA-COG

Joint Rail Authority supports JVRR's provision of common carrier railroad service on the line.

- 2. The proposed schedule for the consummation of the transaction is on or after the effective date of this Notice of Exemption.
- 3. The mileposts of the subject property, including any branch lines are 0.0 to 2.0.
- 4. JVRR will operate over 2.0 route miles as a common carrier railroad.

  JVRR intends to interchange traffic with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NS")

  and/or Canadian Pacific Railway Company ("CP")

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- f. A map of the Line is attached as Exhibit C.
- g. A Certificate of Compliance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. §1150.43(g) is attached as Exhibit A.
- h. There are no interchange commitments or paper barriers in the operating agreement between JVRR and SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority. Nor will there be any interchange commitments or paper barriers in the Interchange Agreements between JVRR and its connecting carriers as a result of this transaction.
- i. A caption summary, as required by 49 C.F.R. §1150.44, is attached as Exhibit B.
- j. No environmental documentation is required because there will be no operational changes that would exceed the thresholds established in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(e)(4) or (5) and there will be no action that would normally require environmental documentation.

  Hence, this Notice of Exemption does not require environmental documentation under 49 C.F.R. §1105.6(b)(4) and (c)(2)(i).
- k. An historic report is not required because JVRR will operate the Line, will require further Board approval as required to discontinue any service, and there are no plans to dispose of or alter properties subject to Board jurisdiction that are 50 years old or older. Hence, this Notice of Exemption does not require an historic report under 49 C.F.R. §1105.8(b)(1)

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Wilson, Esq. Richard R. Wilson, P.C. 518 N. Center Street, Ste. 1 Ebensburg, PA 15931

(814) 419-8152

Attorney for Juniata Valley Railroad Company

Dated: 2 22 2011

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **CERTIFICATION**

State of Pennsylvania	)		
County of Cambria	) ss: )		
I, Gary Shields, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is President of the			
Juniata Valley Railroad Company a Pennsylvania corporation, and that the projected			
annual revenues from the rail operations would not exceed those that would make it a			
Class III carrier under 49 C.F.R. Part 1201 (1-1) and would not exceed \$5 million.			
	Hary Khills Gary Shields		
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2019 day of February, 2011.			
But A. Butche Notary Public (SEAL)	COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  Notarial Seal  Beth A. Burtchart, Notary Public Ebenaburg Boro, Cambria County My Commission Expires Nov. 14, 2011  Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries		

My Commission Expires:

# EXHIBIT B CAPTION SUMMARY

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

### Notice of Exemption

### **FINANCE DOCKET NO. 35469**

## JUNIATA VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY - OPERATION EXEMPTION – SEDA-COG JOINT RAIL AUTHORITY

Juniata Valley Railroad Company, ("JVRR") has filed a Notice of Exemption to operate over about 2.0 miles of track in Lewistown, PA, M.P. 0.0 to M.P. 2.0, owned or leased by SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority.

The transaction is scheduled to take place upon or after the effective date of this Exemption Notice. JVRR certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and further certifies that its projected annual revenue will not exceed \$5 million.

If the Notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. may be filed at any time. The filing of a Petition to Revoke will not automatically stay the transaction. Petitions to stay must be filed no later than September 4, 2010 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35469 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E. Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Richard R. Wilson, Esq., 518 N. Center Street, Ste. 1, Ebensburg, PA 15931, (814) 419-8152, rwilson@rrwilson.net.

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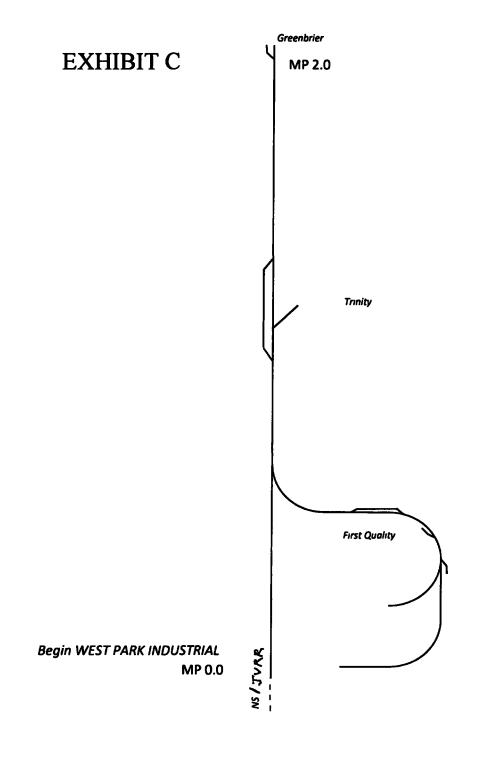
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Decided \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

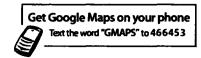
## EXHIBIT C

MAP



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### **CERTIFICATION**

State of Pennsylvania	)
	) ss
County of Cambria	)

I, Gary Shields, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is President of the Juniata Valley Railroad Company a Pennsylvania corporation, and that I have read the foregoing Notice of Exemption and know the facts asserted therein are true and accurate as stated to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Lory Shields
Gary Shields

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 nd day of february, 2011.

Bloom A. Burkand Notary Public

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Notarial Seal

Beth A. Burkhart, Notary Public
Ebensburg Boro, Cambria County
My Commission Expires Nov. 14, 2011

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